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SUBJECT: ABU ALA'A TO MEET WITH EGYPT'S SULAYMAN, LOOKING
TO LEAD PA SECURITY DELEGATION

Classified By: Acting Principal Officer Thomas M. Duffy, for reasons 1.
4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Palestinian Authority (PA) security contacts say
Fatah Central Committee (FCC) member and former PM Ahmad
Ouraya' (Abu Ala'a) left Ramallah August 26 to meet with
Egyptian Intelligence Chief Omar Sulayman in Cairo on
Palestinian security matters. Contacts say PA President
Mahmud Abbas (Abu Mazen) tapped Abu Ala'a as a Presidential
envoy for some security matters, but did not specify the
length of the appointment or his mandate.

¶2. (C) Security contacts add that Abu Ala'a wants to be the
PA representative at planned 5-party security talks in
September between the PA, Jordan, Egypt, the U.S. and Israel.
President Abbas has not yet decided on representation for
this conference, contacts report.

Comment

¶3. (C) A significant role for Abu Ala'a in security affairs
will complicate USG efforts to reform the PASF and to
encourage enhanced Palestinian-Israeli security coordination.
The USG effort is to build the MoI as the primary
institution for security reform and strategic planning, and
introducing Abu Ala'a into this arena risks undermining the
MoI (and by extension, PM Salam Fayyad) as the security
address.

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